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SUBJECT: UNCTAD AND COMMODITY DISCUSSIONS: BRAZILIAN VIEWS

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1. COUNSELOR PAULO DRYCEU PINHEIRO, CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S BASIC PRODUCTS DIVISION, TOLD EMBOFF THE GOB PREFERS "IN PRINCIPLE" THA COMMODITY DISCUSSIONS BE HELD UNDER UNCTAD AUSPICES, WITH A CONCENTRATION OF SUCH DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA. HE REMARKED THAT BRAZIL IS "OPEN TO NEW IDEAS," BUT THEN REAFFIRMED THE "POLITICAL IMPORTANCE" OF DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA. IN ANTICIPATION OF NEGOTIATIONS THERE ON COMMODITIES AND THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS DECIDED TO ASSIGN TO GENEVA TWO MORE DIPLOMATS, AND POSSIBLY A TECHNICAL SPECIALIST.

2. IN THE SPECIFIC CASE OF RUBBER, PINHEIRO SAID HE RECALLED

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NO CONSENSUS LAST MONTH IN LONDON FOR CONTINUED IRSG

MEETINGS IN LONDON RATHER THAN IN GENEVA. HE SAID
BRAZIL PREFERS GENEVA. PINHEIRO SAID HE THOUGHT THE
IRSG SHOULD EVOLVE INTO A TECHNICAL, DATA-SUPPLYING
FUNCTION WHICH WOULD ASSIST UNCTAD DISCUSSIONS ON
COMMODITY AGREEMENTS. PINHEIRO FORESAW SIMILAR TECHNICAL
ROLES FOR OTHER NON-UNCTAD COMMODITY FORUMS.
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